

fied, and that as soon as the said compact shall be approved, confirmed and ratified, by the general assembly of the commonwealth of Virginia, thereupon, and immediately thereafter, every article, clause, matter and thing, in the same compact contained, shall be obligatory on this state and the citizens thereof, and shall be for ever faithfully and inviolably observed and kept by this government, and all its citizens, according to the true intent and meaning of the said compact; and the faith and honour of this state is hereby solemnly pledged and engaged to the general assembly of the commonwealth of Virginia, and the government and citizens thereof, that this law shall never be repealed or altered by the legislature of this government, without the consent of the government of Virginia.

### CHAPTER 9.

AN Act to aid conveyances of land improperly enrolled, and for other purposes.

See 1715, ch. 47, ante page 35, and the notes thereon.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, many deeds for conveying of lands and other real estate have been enrolled in the records of the county in which the lands or real estate thereby intended to be passed did lie, although such deeds had in some instances been acknowledged before a justice of the provincial court, and in others before a judge of the general court; and many deeds acknowledged before the court, or any two justices of the county where the lands and estate by such deeds intended to pass did lie, have been enrolled in the records of the late provincial court, or in the records of the general court; and questions and doubts as to the validity of deeds recorded as aforesaid; \* for prevention of which doubts and questions, and to secure the titles, and quiet the possessions of those who do and may hold or derive title under any such deeds.

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Certain  
deeds good,  
&c.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all deeds heretofore made, for conveying or passing any estate of inheritance or free-hold, or declaring or limiting any use or uses, or for conveying any estate for above seven years in lands, tenements or hereditaments, which have been acknowledged by the party or parties making the same before a justice of the late provincial court, or before a judge of the general court, and which have been enrolled in the records of the county in which the lands or estate thereby intended to be passed did lie, within the time prescribed by law for enrolling such deeds, shall be good and available in law, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, to pass and convey the lands or estate thereby intended to be passed, according to the limitations in such deeds, in the same manner as if such deeds had been enrolled in the records of the provincial or general court.